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Man Charged with Deadly Stabbing in Front of Two Children in South Los Angeles

A Carson man was charged today with fatally stabbing the boyfriend of his estranged wife in front of her two young children, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Brian Soo-Hoo said Guillermo Hector Diaz (dob 9/18/85) faces one count each of murder, attempted murder, first-degree residential burglary and forcible rape and two counts each of resisting executive officer and dissuading a witness from reporting a crime.

Case TA136133 includes allegations of great bodily injury under circumstances involving domestic violence and use of a knife as a deadly and dangerous weapon.

Arraignment is scheduled this afternoon in Department 12 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch.

On Dec. 22, Diaz is accused of entering his estranged wife's apartment through a window and after being confronted by her and her boyfriend stabbing the man several times with a pocketknife in front of her 6-year-old girl and 4-year-old boy, the prosecutor said. When his estranged wife attempted to stop him, Diaz then allegedly tried to break her neck.

The defendant also purportedly prevented both his estranged wife and her daughter from calling police during the attack. Additionally, two months before the fatal attack, Díaz is accused of raping his estranged wife during an argument, the prosecutor added.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

Soo-Hoo will be requesting bail of more than \$2 million.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, 77th Division.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's OfficeLos Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.